

to-day, that God is not one person, but a union of three—Father, Son and Holy Ghost. The old Jewish thought was that there was one and only one God, the Creator and Sustainer of all things, and I believe this was the thought of Jesus Christ, and the Apostles, and early Christian Church. It was to this one God whom he called Father that Jesus prayed, and from whom He sought strength, and love, and goodness, and the power to do all that he did. Paul, in his Epistle to the Corinthians, said: "There is but one God, the Father." The Scriptures testify to the same fact repeatedly. Search for yourselves the declarations of Jesus, and of the Scriptures in this matter.

Who, then, was Jesus Christ? I answer, He was the Son of God. His mission on earth was largely of a two-fold nature: 1st. To show mankind the nature of God, that He is our Father, a God of love, of peace, and of righteousness. Not one whom we should fear, but who by His love is ever drawing us to Him, ever inspiring us with a portion of His love. Jesus was the servant of God, ever doing the will of the Father. Hence we can understand the words of Paul: "that God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself."

2nd. To show mankind how to live and what his possibilities are. He was our perfect example. One whose life and character was altogether lovely, —full of goodness, free from sin, filled with righteousness, a perfect life. He called us to the same when He said: "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect."

What is man? This question was asked by the Psalmist of old, and we find it repeated in the New Testament, "What is man that thou art mindful of him, or the Son of Man that thou visitest Him," and the answer came, "Thou has made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor."

We have heard so much about the depravity of man that this seems to present a new being to our mind. Yet, dear friends, it is a possibility for each one of us to become worthy of this exalted position. No man is depraved but by his own sin. It is the privilege and duty of each one to be a child of God. But in order to be a Child of God we must be led by the Spirit of God. Paul says: "As many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the Sons of God." What a glorious thing it is to be a true Son of God. What a change there would be in this world if all were but willing to be led by the Spirit of God. We would indeed enjoy heaven here, and love and peace and righteousness would be ours in the life that follows this.

NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN.

The regular meeting of the Young Friends' Association was held in New York, 1st. mo. 24th. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing term: President, Edward Stabler; Vice-president, Frank J. Russell; Secretary, Charlotte Haviland; Correspondent, Eliza G. Holmes.

The History Section reported that it had read "Friends in the 17th Century," which gives a description of the persecutions of the Friends in London at that time.

The Discipline Section continued the reading of the New England discipline.

Among the current topics the famine in India was mentioned. Marianna W. Chapman and Phebe C. Wright have been appointed delegates to the Annual Congress of the National Woman Suffrage Association meeting at Des Moines, 1st mo. 26th. Mention was made of the fact that the German citizens generally rejoice at the signing of the arbitration treaty by the United States and Great Britain. The government papers, on the other hand, uphold the principle of militar-